

**Israel:** The most LGBTQ progressive nation in the Middle East & North Africa.

✓ In 1993, the military prohibited discrimination against homosexuals. Thousands of openly gay soldiers serve today.

✓ Gay marriages performed abroad are recognized in Israel.

✓ Tel Aviv is known for its large annual gay pride parade, but gay pride parades are held all over the country.

✓ Adoptions by gay couples are legal in Israel.

✓ Israel grants residency permits to openly gay Palestinians who fear they will be killed in the West Bank or Gaza because of their lifestyles.

